

First Steps Facilitator: Harriet Foiles

Regional LICC status: January 2004

Active LICCs: 11 representing 22 counties

Inactive LICCs: 1 representing 1 county

LICCs in development: 8 representing 8 counties

Primary Outcomes of LICCs:

- Public awareness
- Resource development
- Provider recruitment
- Quality assurance of services
- Share information with providers and community resources
- Child Find
- Legislative advocacy

Summary of activities and accomplishments: All LICCs continue to collaborate with their SPOE and receive monthly update of SPOE activities:

- **Cooper/Howard Co.:** distributed informational packets to physicians.
- **Montgomery Co.:** Speakers from various agencies present at each meeting.
- **St. Charles Co.:** Representative Carl Bearden presented information on current budgetary issues and listened to concerns about First Steps. Plans are being made to network with LICCs throughout the state. Would like to set up an email listserv for LICCs to share information.
- **Boone Co.:** Presenting First Steps panel and information packets to Grand Rounds at University Hospital on January 9th.
- **Randolph Co.:** Have completed a Memorandum of Understanding with the SPOE Making plans to provide information to medical community at Moberly Regional Medical Center. Will provide First Steps informational presentation to Project Reach child care providers. Would like to express appreciation to Harriet Foiles for the support and encouragement she has provided to the LICC.
- **St. Louis City/County:** Elected Chairperson and secretary and set goals and structure for the LICC.
- **Northeast:** Had guest speaker on autism and ABA type of services. Recruiting providers for developmental specialist and service coordinators.
- **Marion/Shelby Counties:** Continue to have information exchange with area providers, PAT, and local child care providers.
- **Cole County:** Continue to hold monthly meetings with core group.

Summary of identified needs or concerns:

- Promotion of First Steps in the community and family involvement.
- More feedback from DESE about what is happening in the state.
- More interest and support for the LICC.
- More education of physicians and child care providers to First Steps program.
- Status of continued funding for providers and services for families.

Key points and significant information to provide SICC

- More referrals are being made in Cooper/Howard counties. The LICC feels good about it's status in getting information about First Steps into the community.
- Providers and agencies would like to see the billing online in the near future.
- Marion/Shelby will continue its quest for more participation. The information from the Facilitator has been great. Sorry to lose her.
- Concern with First Steps continuity after January '04 and family cost participation.